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COLLEGE ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

FAVOR PREPAREDNESS PLANS

A resolution indorsing physical preparedness in the cause of national defense was adopted yesterday by the National Collegiate Athletic Association meeting in New York. It was a substitute for one proposed by the conference committee on national preparedness and was reported by a committee composed of Prof. H. A. Farr of Yale and George W. Ehler of Madison Wis. The resolution follows:

"Resolved, that this convention calls upon all affiliated persons to give their entire support to the cause of the national defense to the end that the nation shall be assured of immunity from invasion, and that all members be urged to emphasize the necessity of physical preparedness on the part of each individual."

"Amateur Athlete" Is Defined Again.

An amateur athlete was decided by the convention to be "one who participates in competitive physical sports only for the pleasure and the physical, mental, moral and social benefits directly derived therefrom," as suggested by the athletic research society.

For the first time in the history of the association delegates were present from all the districts. They came from local conferences all over the United States, including the Rocky Mountain country, the Pacific Coast and the South, representing more than 200 colleges, demonstrating the national character of the organization.

Major P. E. Pierce Elected President.

Dean Le Baron R. Briggs of Harvard, who presided, refused to accept another term as president of the association and Major Palmer E. Pierce, War College, Washington, D. C., a former president, was again elected to that office by a unanimous vote.

Prof. Samuel W. Beyer, Iowa State College, was elected vice-president and Frank W. Nicholson, Wesleyan University, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. The districts were increased from eight to nine, and the following representatives of these districts were elected to the executive committee:

Prof. C. L. Maxey, Williams College; Prof. Erastus Palmer, City College of New York; R. T. Abernethy, Johns Hopkins University; Prof. H. G. Buchanan, University of Tennessee; C. D. Coons, Denison University; George W. Bryant, Coe College; W. L. Driver, Texas A. & M.; H. C. Parmelee, Colorado School of Mines, and Dr. A. W. Browne, Oregon Agricultural College.

New President Talks on Preparedness.

Major Pierce, in his address on "College Athletics as Related to National Preparedness," said:

"Compulsory physical training should be introduced into all of our institutions of learning. I mean by this a course that extends throughout the entire curriculum and is serious enough to be rated among the most important subjects taught. Here, in my opinion, is a very favorable field for the National Collegiate Athletic Association—a field that can be controlled and made profitable because it comes under the jurisdiction of the faculties.

Says Preparedness Need Is Evident.

How necessary some such step has become was made very apparent to me at Plattsburg last summer where I had charge of 3200 college students. The sight these young men presented when stripped for work, was, to use the expression of an army officer of very high rank 'pathetic,' and spoke volumes of the startling inefficiency of the methods employed in our colleges to train the bodies of our students, if any are employed at all. That this side of the training of our young men has been very much neglected by those to whom their education has been entrusted, has long been known. That it had been neglected to the extent exemplified by the representatives coming under my observation at Plattsburg, was, however, a revelation. And yet these young men were drawn from institutions that rank athletically—if turning out successful teams be considered a criterion—second to none."

Present Football Called Satisfactory.

Summarizing a joint report made by Chairman E. K. Hall of the football rules committee and himself, Dr. Harry L. Williams, coach of the University of Minnesota football team, said: "It is not too much to say that the present rules have given us the best game of football that we have ever had and it is hoped that the rules will be allowed to remain about as they are."

Favorable reports also were read on track athletics, basketball and swimming. Dr. Roger I. Lee of Harvard discussed the so-called "athletic heart," contending that there was no such thing and that it was a pastime

to blame all heart abnormalities, if possible, on athletics.

Kansas City and Omaha Together in Football.

Says the Kansas City Star: "Now is the opportune time for Kansas City alumni of the University of Missouri and the University of Kansas to bring back to Kansas City the annual Thanksgiving Day football game, according to Ross Chamberlain, sporting editor of the Omaha World-Herald.

"Omaha is either going to break the conference rule and bring the Nebraska Thanksgiving game to Omaha or force the university to withdraw from the Missouri Valley Conference," Mr. Chamberlain said in discussing the report printed in the Star that Nebraska might quit the Valley conference.

"Mr. Chamberlain does not believe that Nebraska will withdraw from the conference. He believes the Omaha alumni will be strong enough to break the conference rule and obtain permission for the Thanksgiving game to be played in Omaha. The way he sizes up the situation is that Omaha sends half the crowd that attends football games to Lincoln and thereby contributes much to the success of the conference.

Omaha to Get Even If Plea Is Denied.

"The Omaha alumni are in this

fight to win, and all football followers are with them," he said. "If the alumni loses, the city will throw its support to Creighton University, which has built up a football team that plays independent schedules, as many other universities are doing. The Catholic school plays a good game, and arrangements already are being made for a contract for a Thanksgiving game next year with Syracuse, Notre Dame or some other good eleven.

"If Kansas City would arrange for a big football game for next Thanksgiving Day between two well known football elevens, say one from the East and one from the West, this petty valley conference rule would snap. That would mean the loss of the financial support of both Omaha and Kansas City, and the responsibility would be put where it belongs, on the conference schedule makers."

WILL NAME CURATORS

Major to Accept Gardner's Suggestion in Picking 3 New Republicans.

By United Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 29.—Three members of the Board of Curators of the State University, whose terms will expire January 1, 1917, are all Republicans. Governor Major said today he will fill these places if necessary and his appointments will be made as Governor-elect Gardner may suggest.

The curators whose terms expire are C. B. Rollins of Columbia, Dr. J. C. Parrish of Vandalia and G. L. Zwick of St. Joseph.

Republicans will be named to succeed them, as the law requires that not more than five Democrats shall be on the board at one time.

There are present two Democrats, one Progressive and three Republicans on the board.

The discussion of the matter arose

today in Jefferson City because of rumors of a fight to be made on the retention of President A. Ross Hill of the University.

Governor Major said he knew nothing of any fight in prospect having for its object the removal of President Hill.

"I have never interfered in the slightest particular," said the Governor, "with the management of the university by its Board of Curators. That body has had unhampered jurisdiction not only with respect to the employing of its faculty, but in all regards."

Discussing the University and the Board of Curators further, Governor Major said he had appointed no one in the place of former Governor David R. Francis, president of the Board of Curators and now United States Ambassador to Russia.

"The place of Governor Francis on the board has not been filled," said Governor Major, "for the reason that I felt the services of such a man as Governor Francis should not be lost to the University because of a few years' absence. It is difficult to get men of his ability to devote so much time and work unselfishly to build up the University as he has. Even when absent his name as a member of the Board of Curators is a factor for the good of the institution."

F. P. Briggs Buys Trenton Paper.

Frank P. Briggs, a 1915 graduate of the School of Journalism, has purchased the Trenton (Mo.) Daily Times and will take possession January 1. After his graduation Mr. Briggs bought a half interest in the weekly Democrat-Leader at Fayette, his home town. More recently he has been part owner and city editor of the Moberly Daily Index.

Stock Booklet Ready for Farmers.

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